

Remarks

Claims 22, 26-27, 31-32, 35, 37-43, 45-51, 53-57, 59-71, 73-79, 81-85, and 87-92 were pending.

The indication that claims 22, 26-27, 31-32, 35, 42-43, and 70-71 are allowed and that claims 46, 49, 56-57, 60, 63, 74, 77, 84, 88, and 91 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, claims 46, 49, 56, and 57 have been amended into independent form and claims 45-46, 48, 55-56, 65-69, 73-79, 81-85, and 87-92 have been canceled to place the application in condition for allowance. The application now includes 11 independent claims (22, 27, 32, 37, 42, 43, 49, 51, 57, 70, and 71) that each includes subject matter indicated to be allowable.

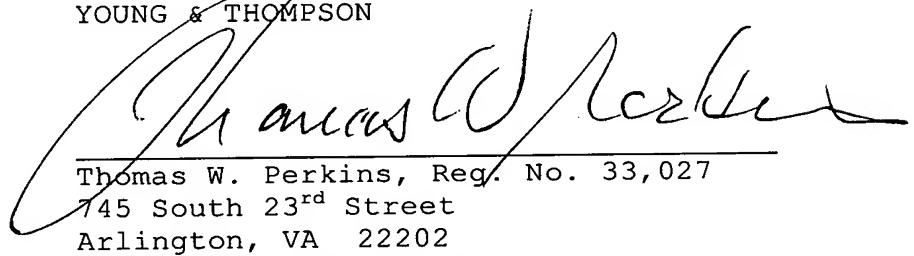
Claims 37-41, 45, 47-48, 50-55, 59, 61-62, 64-69, 73, 75-76, 78-83, 87, 89, 90, and 92 were rejected as unpatentable over the admitted prior art (APA) in view of RFC 3031. These claims have been canceled or amended to include allowable subject matter and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the present amendment, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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